

REMARKS

Applicants submit the priority application and drawings as originally filed and have made amendments as summarized below.

The Cross-Reference to Related Applications section has been amended to identify the application as a Divisional application, which claims priority from copending U.S. application 09/471,667 and to identify the patent numbers in the related concurrently filed application.

The paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 11 has been deleted to conform the specification with the divisional claims, page 4, line 21 and page 5, line 1 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

The Abstract section of the application has been amended correct a typographical error.

Applicant has amended the originally filed parent application by canceling claims 1-10, and amended claims 11 and 21 to correct typographical errors.

No amendment is related to the statutory requirements of patentability or for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim within the meaning of Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co. Ltd., No. 95-1066 (Fed. Cir. September 26, 2003).

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amended changes. Allowance of claims 11-32 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0374 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mikio Ishimaru". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mikio" and last name "Ishimaru" clearly distinguishable.

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